

Candidates and Interns: Reports for February 2021

Name	Start Date	Mentor	Church	Intern Report?
Barnes, Nicholas	02-17	<i>Candidate only</i>		Oral
Berntson, Levi	05-20	Adam Parker	Pearl	X
Bjernegard, Sebastian	08-17	Wiley Lowry	1 st Jackson	X
Busching, Wright	11-18	Brian Gault	Redeemer	X
Bynum, Joe	05-17	David Strain	1 st Jackson	X
Byrd, Zach	08-18	Wayne Herring	Bethesda, Edwards	X
Carter, Matthew	05-20	Mark Spellman	Wynndale	X
Davis, Bryce	05-18	Ian Kayser	Providence	X
Doggett, Richard	08-19	David Strain	1 st Jackson	X
Flowers, Henry	11-18	Roger Collins	Grace	
Graeber, Chad	11-16	<i>Candidate only</i>		
Green, Eric	11-20	<i>Candidate only</i>		
Guo, YonJian (Graham)	08-19	Caleb Cangelosi	Pear Orchard	X
Jamison, Wilson	05-20	Brian Gault	Redeemer	X
Kim, Johan	08-17	Steve Jussley	Lakeland	
Kowalczyk, Adam	02-19	Jimmy Turner	Madison Heights	Oral
Kruger, Erick	02-20	Charlie Dykes	Pinehaven	Oral
Lin, Chang-Pei (Jackson)	08-19	Seth Starkey	Trinity	X
Logan, James	02-19	Bruce Baugus	Trinity	Oral
Marchman, Charles	05-19	Billy Dempsey	1 st Jackson	X
McCallister, Jesse	08-17	Paul Long Jr.	Trinity	
Miller, Scott	11-18	Carl Kalberkamp	Pear Orchard	X
Moody, Christopher	11-20	Billy Dempsey	1 st Jackson	X
Nicholson, Hunter	02-18	<i>Candidate only</i>		Oral
Ornelas, Jeremiah	11-18	Caleb Cangelosi	Pear Orchard	
Peipon, James	11-19	David Felker	1 st Jackson	X
Pinckard, Matthew	05-18	Alan Stanton	Raymond	X
Qi, Zezhou (Roger)	05-19	Caleb Cangelosi	Pear Orchard	X
Strawbridge, Machen	02-19	Seth Starkey	Madison Heights	Oral
Underwood, Colton	02-20	Charlie Wingard	1 st Yazoo	Oral
Van Hooser, Wilson	02-18	Carl Kalbercamp	Pear Orchard	Oral
Vollema, Kevin	02-18	Billy Dempsey	1 st Jackson	Oral
Walker, Sonny	05-20	Carl Kalberkamp	Pear Orchard	X
Yelverton, John	08-17	<i>Candidate only</i>		
Yen, Leo	08-17	<i>Candidate only</i>		

Intern Report

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Name of intern: Levi Berntson

Name of mentor: Charlie Wingard

Church where you are serving as an intern: Pearl Presbyterian Church

Give a description of your duties as an intern this quarter:

Teaching adult Sunday school (Zechariah, The Sacraments), leading Sunday morning worship services, assisting with livestream technology, teaching recorded Wednesday night Bible studies. I will also begin preaching weekly on November 15 on Sunday mornings.

Describe the content of your meetings with your mentor and the ways you believe you are benefiting from your relationship with him:

Charlie and I have met multiple times since he has become my mentor after Adam Parker left for Portland. We have discussed general ministry issues and have had a designated meeting to discuss church finances and budgeting. I have benefited greatly from my conversations with Charlie and from observing his ministry.

In what ways do you see your gifts and graces being tested through this internship, and as a result of this period of trial and self-examination what is your sense of your call to the ministry?

Pearl Pres has begun to resume more normal activities at the church, and so we have resumed Sunday school classes and evening worship. Teaching Sunday school online for several months until we resumed in-person in September has made me far more thankful for in-person worship and instruction. I'm preparing now to preach at Pearl weekly, and so I am eager to experience the task of preparing weekly sermons.

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Name of intern: Sebastian Bjernegård

Name of mentor: Wiley Lowry

Church where you are serving as an intern: FPC Jackson

Give a description of your duties as an intern this quarter:

I have been able to preach in various MS churches, assist with AV setup for our church's livestream and Sunday School classes, and have spoken to members on the phone.

There were a few weeks where I was quarantining and then recovering from contracting COVID-19. Thankfully I feel back to normal at this point.

Describe the content of your meetings with your mentor and the ways you believe you are benefiting from your relationship with him:

We have been able, despite the pandemic, to spend time together to talk about ministry in this unique context.

In what ways do you see your gifts and graces being tested through this internship, and as a result of this period of trial and self-examination what is your sense of your call to the ministry?

This pandemic has been a challenge in many ways. In the midst of this time, I've grown in my joy experienced in public worship. After not being able to gather or sing for months, it has been a blessing to be able to gather and to lead worship.

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Name of intern: Wright Busching

Name of mentor: Brian Gault

Church where you are serving as an intern: Redeemer Church (Jackson, MS)

Give a description of your duties as an intern this quarter:

We started meeting for Youth Sunday School again, and I have been teaching a class on eschatology. Additionally, we were able to restart Youth activities on Wednesday and Sunday nights. I have been teaching through the book of Judges. I continue to meet with students and parents on a regular basis. I have also attended session meetings and several different church committee meetings.

Describe the content of your meetings with your mentor and the ways you believe you are benefiting from your relationship with him:

Brian and I have had several conversations recently about discipleship in the life of the church. His vision of the "big picture" of discipling our people has helped me think through what it really means to disciple our people well. I continue to benefit from meeting with him regularly and am thankful for his wisdom.

In what ways do you see your gifts and graces being tested through this internship, and as a result of this period of trial and self-examination what is your sense of your call to the ministry?

COVID has definitely been a frustrating time. However, it has also been a time where my creativity has been challenged in positive ways. COVID restrictions led our youth ministry to focus much of our time on one-on-one discipleship, which has helped build deeper relationships with students. I continue to be confirmed in my sense of call to the ministry.

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Name of intern: Joe Bynum

Name of mentor: David Strain

Church where you are serving as an intern: Covenant City Church

Give a description of your duties as an intern this quarter:

My duties as an intern this quarter, have included leading online bible studies, community groups, and one on one counseling. I also preach once a month, lead liturgy, and am in charge of our Men's ministry program.

Describe the content of your meetings with your mentor and the ways you believe you are benefiting from your relationship with him:

I have not met with my mentor this quarter because I am serving as an intern in Jakarta Indonesia. I am hoping to have my internship transferred to IPC soon.

In what ways do you see your gifts and graces being tested through this internship, and as a result of this period of trial and self-examination what is your sense of your call to the ministry?

My gifts and graces were greatly tested through this internship by the various challenges that brought about by Covid-19. This led me to find creative ways to continue to minister to the men in our congregation in order to assist them in their sanctification. Through these unusual circumstances, I have personally experienced the faithfulness of God and His mercy to sinners as He continues to expand His kingdom on earth.

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Name of intern: Zachery Byrd

Name of mentor: Wayne Herring

Church where you are serving as an intern: Bethesda/Raymond Presbyterian

Give a description of your duties as an intern this quarter:

Given the expansion of my duties this quarter, much of my duties have revolved around getting to know the congregation at Raymond. Alongside regular preaching responsibilities, I have (for the most part) had lunch with an individual church member once a week, and I have sat with several throughout the week. I have also sat in on Session and Diaconate meetings, attempting to spend as much time with the officers at Raymond as possible. In our pandemic period, I have developed an extensive call list in order to keep in touch with the members at Bethesda and Raymond who are unable to attend.

Describe the content of your meetings with your mentor and the ways you believe you are benefiting from your relationship with him:

In the intervening quarter, meetings with Wayne have been plentiful and resourceful. We have discussed everything from church government, church rolls, and church discipline. He has also given me feedback about sermons and discipleship that have been invaluable. There is no greater blessing today than to have someone with Wayne's experience sit in your office and allow you to pick his brain. He has been such a blessing.

In what ways do you see your gifts and graces being tested through this internship, and as a result of this period of trial and self-examination what is your sense of your call to the ministry?

The uptick in responsibilities has forced me to wrestle with questions of discipleship, evangelism, and the importance of the church in ways I haven't before, and these have highlighted the importance of both preaching and visiting within the community. Furthermore, as Anthony Tuckney said, "Study much, pray more." My sense of dependency upon God Almighty has never felt so urgent. His faithfulness in these challenges have furthered my sense of call to ministry.

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Name of intern: Steven Matthew Carter

Name of mentor: Dr. Mark Spellman

Church where you are serving as an intern: Wynndale Presbyterian Church

Give a description of your duties as an intern this quarter:

My duties are to assist in the Lord's day worship service, and with the preparation for it. Most assist in the Lord's day worship includes leading hymns, praying, profession of faith, and call to worship. To provide pulpit supply when the pastor is out; keeping a good standing and grades at RTS; keeping my mentor informed of my studies and challenges at RTS.

Describe the content of your meetings with your mentor and the ways you believe you are benefiting from your relationship with him:

The content of our meeting varies due to the amount of time we have each week. The most beneficial content we have discussed is in preparing and delivering a sermon's applications and closing statements. I benefit from our relationship by having him as a role model and an example of faithful preaching of the Word of God. It is beneficial to see and experience the pastoral duties and responsibilities such as visitation, administration, and dealing with people in times of tension and pandemic.

In what ways do you see your gifts and graces being tested through this internship, and as a result of this period of trial and self-examination what is your sense of your call to the ministry?

I was given the opportunity to preach on Oct. 11, and it was my first time preaching solo, with the pastor not present in the congregation. The experience tested my preaching and teaching abilities. I believe I am stronger now because of it. My sense of call to the ministry has increased, but I still have a long way to go before I am ready to pastor any church, if that is where God is calling me.

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Name of intern: Bryce Davis

Name of mentor: Ian Kayser

Church where you are serving as an intern: Providence PCA

Give a description of your duties as an intern this quarter:

This quarter, my responsibilities have transitioned to working as Director of youth and families, which entails leading the Youth Ministry Team & Children's Ministry Team and serving in necessary capacities. Both ministries are going well. I have continued to preach at least 2x a month and take seminary classes.

Describe the content of your meetings with your mentor and the ways you believe you are benefiting from your relationship with him:

Ian has provided helpful guidance and feedback as I've transitioned into this new role. I continue to learn valuable leadership lessons from him as I work under him. He's also been very helpful to me in navigating this season of life as I'm finishing seminary and looking to the future.

In what ways do you see your gifts and graces being tested through this internship, and as a result of this period of trial and self-examination what is your sense of your call to the ministry?

This season of work in the church has been taxing moving into a new role and with an increased seminary load, but I can definitely tell that the Lord has been at work to make me rely on Him more. I'm continuing to feel a persistent call to pastoral ministry.

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Name of intern: Tony Doggett

Name of mentor: Rev. Dr. David Strain

Church where you are serving as an intern: First Presbyterian Church - Jackson, MS

Give a description of your duties as an intern this quarter:

During the past quarter, God provided the opportunity to preach at least once per month at other congregations following PMV guidelines. I also led several devotions for students (e.g., Children's Devotion on Sunday evenings, FPDS chapel) and I wrote a devotion for the Men's Ministry. I also taught an Old Testament lesson for the Senior High at FPC. In addition, I attended the Families Count ministry training. Finally, I continued to assist with various administrative responsibilities and ministry efforts (e.g., uploaded sermons and other media to the church website, assisted with technology support during worship services, maintained different ministry databases).

Describe the content of your meetings with your mentor and the ways you believe you are benefiting from your relationship with him:

David and I have met regularly to discuss questions about pastoral ministry, personal and spiritual matters, ministry to family, and progress in school and the internship. During our meetings, David has continued to provide valuable feedback and support to me regarding sermon preparation and delivery, provision of pastoral care to others during this season, administrative duties, and completion of PMV internship requirements. I sincerely appreciate his godly counsel and wisdom with regard to maintaining a healthy balance in life across various roles and responsibilities.

In what ways do you see your gifts and graces being tested through this internship, and as a result of this period of trial and self-examination what is your sense of your call to the ministry?

I am truly grateful for the opportunity to complete an internship at FPC Jackson. God has graciously provided many opportunities for growth in preaching and discipleship as well as personal spiritual growth during this season. I continue to be strengthened by the God's holy Word and guidance of the Holy Spirit. My sense of call to the ministry has continued to be confirmed during this time both internally and externally. My desire to share the Gospel and to minister to God's people continues to grow as a result of the Lord's provision and guidance.

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Name of intern: Graham Guo

Name of mentor: Caleb Cangelosi

Church where you are serving as an intern: Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church

Give a description of your duties as an intern this quarter:

I have been preaching on the circuit this quarter. The time of preparing for the sermon and actual delivering of the sermon have been a very good opportunity to grow my knowledge of the scripture. I have also assisted in worship and preached at Pear Orchard Presbyterian church. My time attending session and diaconate meetings have been very beneficial.

Describe the content of your meetings with your mentor and the ways you believe you are benefiting from your relationship with him:

I am planning to graduate in May 2021. With graduation approaching coming up, I have been looking at ministry opportunities. My mentor have helped me navigate future ministry opportunities and guide me through this process. My mentor also continue to provide opportunities to teach and challenge me to grow in my knowledge of the Lord.

In what ways do you see your gifts and graces being tested through this internship, and as a result of this period of trial and self-examination what is your sense of your call to the ministry?

My sense of calling have only been strengthened through this internship. This internship helps me clarify what I want to do after my graduation. It has also provided me with the exact training I would need to serve as a minister. I continue to pray to God for him to keep growing my gifts and graces in the days to come.

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Name of intern: Wilson Jamison

Name of mentor: Brian Gault

Church where you are serving as an intern: Redeemer PCA

Give a description of your duties as an intern this quarter:

This quarter I transitioned into Youth ministries. This includes children in our church grades 6-12. I am mostly involved with the middle school children, but I participate in our joint Youth Sunday school each week. My responsibilities include setting up the space, teaching 3-4 times each semester, and meeting with our Youth Director, Wright Busching. I also began assisting in worship on Sunday mornings. My responsibilities include the call to worship, confession of sin and prayer of faith, and the New Testament and Old Testament Scripture readings. I assist in worship every 5 weeks. I have also started ushering at the 8am service. Finally, I meet regularly with my co-interns for a book discussion biweekly.

Describe the content of your meetings with your mentor and the ways you believe you are benefiting from your relationship with him:

The main issues I have discussed with my mentor are ministering through COVID-19 and how to spend my elective hours. Brian does a great job of asking me questions about ministry and leadership so that he can encourage and challenge my responses. With regard to elective hours, I was torn between focusing my time in exegesis or counseling, and Brian helped me to understand what would be expected of me as a pastor, as well as affirm my giftings. I believe the Lord is using my relationship with Brian to help me grow as a leader and a shepherd, and he has also helped me to understand my giftings more clearly.

In what ways do you see your gifts and graces being tested through this internship, and as a result of this period of trial and self-examination what is your sense of your call to the ministry?

Honestly, assisting in worship has been a humbling experience. It has made me even more aware of my sin and my need for Jesus. Especially confessing sin on behalf of the congregation. Elbert and Brian have been incredibly gracious and helpful with their feedback and instruction. And I am thankful to be able to serve the church in this way.

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Name of intern: Jackson (Chang Pei) Lin

Name of mentor: Rev. Seth Starkey

Church where you are serving as an intern: Belhaven RUF

Give a description of your duties as an intern this quarter:

I have been serving as an RUF intern at Belhaven University. I do one on ones, preach, lead small group with the Theater Department, and organize events and Large Group with my staff. On top of that, I teach Sunday School, lead worship, and preach at First Presbyterian Church Lexington once a month. This semester, I am mainly leading two small groups at Belhaven. One is on the Lord's Prayer, and the other is on the Beatitudes. I am coming up with my own study plan as well. Besides that, RUF has been doing surprisingly well. I was able to connect with more students even among these pandemic regulations. I am glad that I am part of it.

Describe the content of your meetings with your mentor and the ways you believe you are benefiting from your relationship with him:

I do feel a little distant right now because he has moved away. However, I was able to drive up to visit him. We had a really good catch up. He gave me some really good advice on connecting with other presbytery.

In what ways do you see your gifts and graces being tested through this internship, and as a result of this period of trial and self-examination what is your sense of your call to the ministry?

During this season, God has been working in me, pointing out the emptiness and dryness in my spiritual life. It has been painful to go through. However, I am comforted by his patience. That being said, I think I might need to put a pause on looking for a calling right after I graduate. It will only be temporary. My mentors are working with me through these trials.

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Name of intern: Charles Marchman

Name of mentor: Billy Dempsey

Church where you are serving as an intern: FPC Jackson until June 2020

Give a description of your duties as an intern this quarter:

I am working in youth ministry now at South Baton Rouge Presbyterian Church where I meet individually with students to disciple them and lead a large group youth study once a week. We studied Genesis and are now working through John. I also have had the opportunity to preach once to the congregation here and am scheduled to preach at least twice more in 2021

Describe the content of your meetings with your mentor and the ways you believe you are benefiting from your relationship with him:

Billy and I have not met in a while but have spoken on the phone. It is more difficult to be in regular contact with him since I moved from Jackson. But Billy has always been an immense encouragement to me and someone who I know I can approach with any questions that I have regarding ministry or anything else.

In what ways do you see your gifts and graces being tested through this internship, and as a result of this period of trial and self-examination what is your sense of your call to the ministry?

I am encouraged as I continue to feel called to ministry. There is of course great encouragement when there is visible fruit of one's labor, but I am also encouraged by the desire that God has given me to be in ministry even when it is not easy. Certainly, his word is a helpful reminder that he is always at work.

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Name of intern: Scott Miller

Name of mentor: Carl Kalbercamp

Church where you are serving as an intern: Pear Orchard Presbyterian

Give a description of your duties as an intern this quarter:

I am back to preaching once a month in Pickens, MS. I'm very grateful for the warmth of that community and the experience I get preaching and leading worship there. Other than the weeks I am in Pickens, I am able to teach Sunday school. This quarter it has been 7-8 grade boys. I've preached to the youth a couple times this semester and once to the evening service at Pear Orchard. The rest of my time is spent hanging out with youth, attending meetings, going to our youth group events, and doing some counseling with the youth.

Describe the content of your meetings with your mentor and the ways you believe you are benefiting from your relationship with him:

Carl has modeled for me what a faithful, God-centered pastor looks like. After growing up at Pear Orchard, and seeing that from a distance, it is a privilege to be able to sit down with him and talk about ministry in a one on one setting. He is full of wisdom and love for the church, and listening to the way he thinks about ministry has taught me a great deal. We typically talk about ministry scenarios, my future calling, my personal life and marriage, and other similar matters.

In what ways do you see your gifts and graces being tested through this internship, and as a result of this period of trial and self-examination what is your sense of your call to the ministry?

This internship has given me many opportunities to teach, preach and minister to the people of POPC (primarily the youth). After more than 3 years, the novelty of preaching, teaching and serving wears off, and yet I've found that I still feel strongly called into the ministry.

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Name of intern: Christopher Moody

Name of mentor: Billy Dempsey

Church where you are serving as an intern: First Pres Jackson MS

Give a description of your duties as an intern this quarter:

I recently came under care, but since then I have continued to lead small groups with Christian Medical and Dental Association at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, with the Healthcare students there. I lead 1-2 small groups per week, help with events, meet with students one on one, etc. I have also been preaching on the circuit and have preached 4 or more times since Presbytery.

Describe the content of your meetings with your mentor and the ways you believe you are benefiting from your relationship with him:

We have been planning a strategy to tackle this internship coming up. In our last meeting we talked about the greatest struggle that I face as an intern and he said it was, "going through the motions." I found this to be a sound warning and a great reminder to pursue God's call on my life with diligence and prayer.

I have found Billy Dempsey's mentorship to be of great encouragement, wisdom, and hope for me. I really enjoy our time together and he is intentional about asking me hard questions while also listening to my answers with grace and care. I am very happy he is my mentor.

In what ways do you see your gifts and graces being tested through this internship, and as a result of this period of trial and self-examination what is your sense of your call to the ministry?

God has given me some really good opportunities to grow in my gifts, especially teaching and preaching. I have started preaching on the circuit and God has continued to affirm in a me and joy in preaching. I think I am growing in that gift. It is hard though with school many times and it can be tempting to want to quit. But Jesus keeps giving me strength in my weakness.

I still believe I am called to ministry and heavily leaning towards campus/ college ministry. I find great joy in leading small groups for students and meeting with them individually. However, I have much room to grow in grace and holiness. Jesus has continued to show me my sin and desperate need of Him. I am becoming more and more convinced that were it not for grace I would be hopeless, lost, and in grave danger.

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Name of intern: James Peipon

Name of mentor: David Felker

Church where you are serving as an intern: FPC - Jackson

Give a description of your duties as an intern this quarter:

I have preached on the circuit regularly and lead in worship during the evening service at FPC. I have taught chapel and devotional messages for the children at First Presbyterian Day School. I have visited our members occasionally in the hospital.

Describe the content of your meetings with your mentor and the ways you believe you are benefiting from your relationship with him:

We have talked most frequently about visiting members and how to get people from "first-time visitor" to "engaged member." Churches are filled with people on all points of that spectrum and pastors should be intentional with their meetings so that they have a goal for each meeting. We have also discussed preaching on how we can reach children and adults through our preaching.

In what ways do you see your gifts and graces being tested through this internship, and as a result of this period of trial and self-examination what is your sense of your call to the ministry?

I have been challenged with time-management in this season. At seminary my studies continue and through them I have received joy and confirmed my gifts and graces. I continue to discern a greater, positive affirmation that I am called to the ministry.

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Intern Report

Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley

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Date: 11-29-2020

Name of intern: Matthew Pinckard

Name of mentor: Rev. Dr. Charles Wingard

Church where you are serving as an intern: N/A (member at Raymond Presbyterian Church,

Give a description of your duties as an intern this quarter:

As I mentioned last quarter, my official responsibilities at Raymond Presbyterian Church came to an end in May when I officially graduated from RTS. Since that time I have mostly been preaching at various small churches, and I plan to have the last few aspects of my internship complete soon so that I can turn in my reports.

Describe the content of your meetings with your mentor and the ways you believe you are benefiting from your relationship with him:

I have been talking to Dr. Wingard about how to improve upon certain aspects of how I interact with people (I have a bad habit of not looking people in the eye while I'm speaking, for example) and other practical things like staying organized in ministry. Dr. Wingard's experience in ministry has been proving very helpful for me in such practical areas.

In what ways do you see your gifts and graces being tested through this internship, and as a result of this period of trial and self-examination what is your sense of your call to the ministry?

At this point, since I am primarily preaching at various places, I'm being tested primarily in (1) interpersonal skills when meeting new people and (2) preaching and teaching gifts. I have realized that I struggle to some degree with social anxiety, and I am working and praying to overcome it. I believe I've seen some progress in this area, and, though it makes ministry more difficult, I do not believe it is an unconquerable obstacle. I continue to sense a call to pastoral ministry.

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Date: 11/11/20

Name of intern: Ze Zhou Qi (Roger)

Name of mentor: Caleb Cangelosi

Church where you are serving as an intern: Pear Orchard PCA

Give a description of your duties as an intern this quarter:

Assisted evening worship service.

Describe the content of your meetings with your mentor and the ways you believe you are benefiting from your relationship with him:

We talked about how to conduct a funeral and walked through part of WCF.

In what ways do you see your gifts and graces being tested through this internship, and as a result of this period of trial and self-examination what is your sense of your call to the ministry?

I think my endurance under stress has been tested in many ways. Due to COVID and new born child, our life has been very chaotic. At many points, I felt my patience and endurance was tested. I still feel a call to ministry, I also feel the call to care for my family stronger than before.

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Date: 11/20/20

Name of intern: SONNY WALKER

Name of mentor: CARL KALBERKAMP

Church where you are serving as an intern: PEAR ORCHARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Give a description of your duties as an intern this quarter:

During this quarter, I assisted in worship and preached several times. I also taught chapel at CCS. I was scheduled to attend a joint meeting for the 2021 budget but I stayed away due to sickness.

Describe the content of your meetings with your mentor and the ways you believe you are benefiting from your relationship with him:

The primary topic we discussed was a sermon that I preached at Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church. He did a thorough evaluation that I appreciated very much. It was very beneficial. Secondly, he also gave me guidance in handling extended family conflict while discipling my own children. As always, I benefit greatly from my relationship with Carl professionally and personally. Thirdly, we began a discussion on the Lord Supper and Baptism specifically the content of the homily for each.

In what ways do you see your gifts and graces being tested through this internship, and as a result of this period of trial and self-examination what is your sense of your call to the ministry?

Even though it is not everything, I believe a necessary gift for ordained ministry is the ability to preach God's word with faithfulness and clarity. Carl gave great feedback to me for improving my clarity. He was also encouraging in his praise of my preaching. Even though I am not the best, due to my mentor's feedback, I continue to be affirmed in my sense of call to ministry. As I said above, preaching is not the only discerning factor. Carl is faithful to challenge me when necessary which I greatly appreciate.

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